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NATHALIE D. (Mrs. Fred-eric) Sanford, who will be remembered for her prima donna role in last year's Band Show, "The Runaways," has a leading part in "Honeymoon Lane," which promises to eclipse her former efforts in local theatricals. As "Mrs. John Titus," the blushing newly-wed, Mrs. Sanford has a rollicking comedy characterization, and she will interpolate, in act II, "The Ladder of Roses," the catchy song hit of this season's New York Hippodrome spectacle.



Mrs. Nathalie D. Sanford, who takes a leading part in "Honeymoon Lane"

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Bowen of Shelburne Falls is a guest in the home of her son, Dr. E. S. Bowen.

Mrs. Mary Milke has gone to Turners Falls, Mass., for an extended stay with relatives.

Roger Brackett and Jacob Estey of Amherst college spent Sunday at their homes in town.

Miss Agnes and Miss Mary Doyle went to Boston yesterday to spend a week's vacation.

W. H. Mann has gone to Wilmington and Dover to stay two weeks with relatives and friends.

Miss Lela M. Morrill of Springfield, Mass., came Saturday for a brief visit at T. W. Eason's, returning Sunday evening.

Webster Cary, who is attending Vermont academy, spent the week-end in town as a guest of his uncle, Harry D. Webster.

Harry Hutchins of the wholesale department of the Dunham Brothers company was admitted to the Memorial hospital yesterday.

A. L. Benedict resumed work this morning in Vaughan & Burnett's jewelry store, after a vacation of two weeks spent in town.

Mrs. W. J. Donovan and little daughter of Springfield, Mass., are guests of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Prouty of Western avenue, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gilman and Mrs. L. H. Barber went by automobile to Hudson yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stickney until tomorrow.

Nelson Lyons and guest, Mr. Brown of Greenfield, were visitors in town Saturday and attended the leap year party Saturday evening in Harmony hall.

Mrs. William Schorling is still employed by Mrs. H. E. Bascom, milliner, the report that she had finished work for the season having been erroneous.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Dunklee, who spent the winter as usual in Jacksonsville, Fla., have returned to Mrs. O. H. Stickney's on High street to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Perry went this morning to Burlington to attend the meeting of the grand lodge of Old Fellows. They will stop in North Street

ford to visit on their way to Burlington, and in Barre on the return trip.

Among those who will attend the meeting of the Rebekahs and Old Fellows and the Rebekahs and Old Fellows in Burlington this week are Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Haigh, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Maynard, Mrs. L. H. Miller, Mrs. F. A. Richmond, Mrs. Eric Landry, G. Staples, Harold Smith, R. W. Tabor, W. J. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eddy.

TAFT ASKS FOR PEACE SERMONS.

Tells 10,000 Ministers to Observe Next Sunday.

NEW YORK, May 15. — Ex-President Taft, as chairman of a special committee on church cooperation of the League to Enforce Peace, has written to 10,000 ministers, through the country asking them to embody in their sermons next Sunday an explanation of the purposes of the league. The league will hold its first annual meeting in Washington on May 26 and 27.

The letter says that as the third Sunday in May has annually been observed as peace Sunday it is fitting that the league's plea be taken up by the ministers in their sermons as the most practicable and promising effort toward universal peace that has yet been devised.

So He Didn't Waste It.

A little boy went to Sunday school for the first time. His mother gave him a nickel to put in the collection box. When he returned, he had a sack of candy.

"Where did you get the candy?" asked his mother.

"From the stand around the corner."

"But what did you buy it with?"

"With the nickel you gave me."

"But that was for Sunday school!"

"Well," replied the boy, "I didn't need it. The minister met me at the door and got me in free."—The Christian Herald.

Caught on the First Bounce.

A commercial traveler was calling upon a grocer the other day when a poor old woman entered, soliciting alms. The grocer, wishing to play a joke on the traveler, told the woman "to ask the master." At the same time pointing to the salesman. The traveler was thunderstruck for a moment, but regained his self-possession at once and said to the grocer, who was a very small man: "Boy, give this poor woman a quarter out of the till." The grocer paid.—The Christian Herald.

BIRTHS.

In Brattleboro, May 13, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. W. Haeseler.

The rain which falls on the United States every year equals in amount the water in the Mississippi river.

The largest butterflies are found in British Guinea, some of which have wing measurement of 11 inches.

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HUMAN LEOPARDS.

West Africans Kill Victims with Three-Pronged Clawlike Knives.

It comes as a shock to civilized people to learn that there are cannibals still satisfying their craving for human flesh. Yet proofs have been discovered that such cannibals exist in certain districts of West Africa, especially in the bush regions around Sierra Leone.

West Africa has always been the home of superstition. Witch doctors are believed in, and wonderful powers are attributed to silly, inanimate things called "ju-jus," "fetich," or "medicines." The idea of human sacrifice to these ju-jus has been responsible for many murders.

Cannibalism has always existed among the natives, but until quite recently it has been so secret and so hard to get at that the British governors of the district have been baffled in their attempts to suppress it.

Several weird native societies were known to exist. The most active was the Human Leopard society, the members of which periodically clothed themselves in the skins of leopards, waylaid victims previously decided upon and attacked them with three-pronged knives so that the wounds looked as if they had been made with claws. The reason for their wearing the skins was to deceive any possible witness into thinking that leopards had been responsible for their murders.

The members of this awful society were bound together by secret vows and superstitions, which made inquiries difficult to conduct. The real object of their crimes was not the mere pleasure of eating human flesh; it was rooted in superstition and weird religious beliefs.

The particular "medicine" or fetich of the Human Leopards was called "Borifima." This was usually a package containing the blood of a cook, other animals' blood and fat, rice, white of egg and other tibbits. It was only regarded as really powerful when anointed with human blood and smeared with human fat. Then it was supposed to bring riches and success to its owner and disaster to its owner's enemies; but its powers evaporated periodically, and so fresh victims had to be found and killed to obtain the blood and fat.

There seems to have been a superstition that as human fat and blood were good for "Borifima," so they would make people more powerful. Hence, when a victim was killed the flesh was divided among the members of the society for consumption.

The Human Leopards were voluntarily branded by having a small piece of flesh removed. The blood from the wound being smeared upon the "Borifima."

The society seems to date from 1888, but it was not until 1895 that the Sierra Leone government was awakened to the serious extent of its operations by a series of mysterious murders and disappearances.

A bill was then passed called "The Human Leopard Society Ordinance, 1895." Under this bill it was made unlawful for anyone to have in their

possession (a) a leopard skin shaped so as to make a man wearing it resemble a leopard; (b) a three-pronged knife; and (c) the native "medicine" known as "Borifima."—Pearsons.

Honey as Food.

An agricultural college bulletin says: "For general purposes as a human food, honey ranks fourth in importance: fruits, nuts and grains being the only edible commodities surpassing it in excellence and value."

"Chemically honey is composed of two sugars, dextrose and levulose, combined with water, which is subject to considerable fluctuation in amount, the average being 1.5 to 1.6 of the whole. It also contains a little acid and some aromatic principles, beside some pollen. The composition of both dextrose and levulose is similar as both contain six atoms of carbon, 12 atoms of hydrogen and six atoms of oxygen. Their difference is in the arrangement of the atoms.

"The food value of honey depends on its sugars, since they are in the form in which they are directly absorbed into the blood. Honey, therefore, should be taken in conjunction with some other food to retard the immediate absorption of the sugars, and is a good substitute for butter on

bread, and is superior to sugar in cake and confectionery.

"Why is honey preferable to sugar? It is a well-known fact that all starches and carbohydrates taken into the body are transformed into sugar before they can be absorbed. Thus, if we can supply the food as sugar it can be absorbed without as much work for our digestive apparatus. We must have sugar. Children crave for candy. This craving voices a need and is an evidence of the importance of sugar in our diet.

"Physicians tell us that a large number of diseases are caused by eating cane sugar. Cane sugar is not readily absorbed. It first has to be digested and changed into a form which can be absorbed. Therefore, if we give the children honey to eat at meal times, this craving for candy and cane sugar will be lessened, as they will get their needed sugars in the form of honey. The sugar in honey is readily absorbed, as it was digested for us by the bees, when they took the nectar from the flowers.

"Thus by eating honey we save our digestive apparatus the work that it would have to do in order to break up and digest the cane sugar. Honey never injures a normal stomach. It would be well for us to eat plenty of honey with our meals and lessen the amount of cane sugar ordinarily consumed."

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MARRIAGES.

In Brattleboro, May 13, by Carl S. Hopkins, Esq., John Stapleton and Miss Anne Maria Kervick, both of Springfield, Mass.

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In Brattleboro, May 15, by Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Frank Clifton Smead and Miss Jessie May Pike, both of Springfield, Mass.

DEATHS.

In Brattleboro (Memorial hospital), May 13, Patrick Joseph Fenton, 74.

In Brattleboro, May 14, Gustaf George Waldemar Hertzberg, 21.

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